

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**

**December 24, 2025
3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

On this holiest of nights,

we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph

On this most joyous night,

we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder

On this night of carols and candlelight,

we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

Gathering Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful ~ ELW 283*

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, born to us this night; the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light.
Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last
day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Reading Isaiah 11:1-6

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed^[b] together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God

Anthem Carol of the Bells (Hallelujah Ringers, 6:30)

Psalm 96

Sing unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord all the earth
Sing to the Lord, bless his name
Tell of his salvation day by day.

**Majesty and honor are his
Strength and beauty, glory and righteousness
Great is the Lord, and deserving of praise
He is to be feared above all gods.**

**Refrain: Worship the Lord in holy array
Tremble before him all the earth
Our God reigns.**

**Let all the creation be glad
The earth and the sea sing for joy
Before the Lord, the judge of the earth
Who judges us in righteousness and truth.**

Refrain twice

Reading Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem ~ ELW 279*

Reading Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High ~ ELW 289*

Reading Luke 2: 15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

Thanks be God

Sermon

Hymn (3:30)

Angels From the Realms of Glory ~ ELW 275

Anthem (6:30)

Angels From the Realms of Glory (ASLC Choir)

The Prayers

*Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace,
and you may respond, **receive our prayer***

Offering Our Gifts

What Songs Were Sung ~ John Jacob Niles

(soloist Erin Reil, 3:30 pm)

*Thorn and Thistle ~ We Are Messengers & Keith and Kristyn Getty
(Grace Notes, 6:30 pm)*

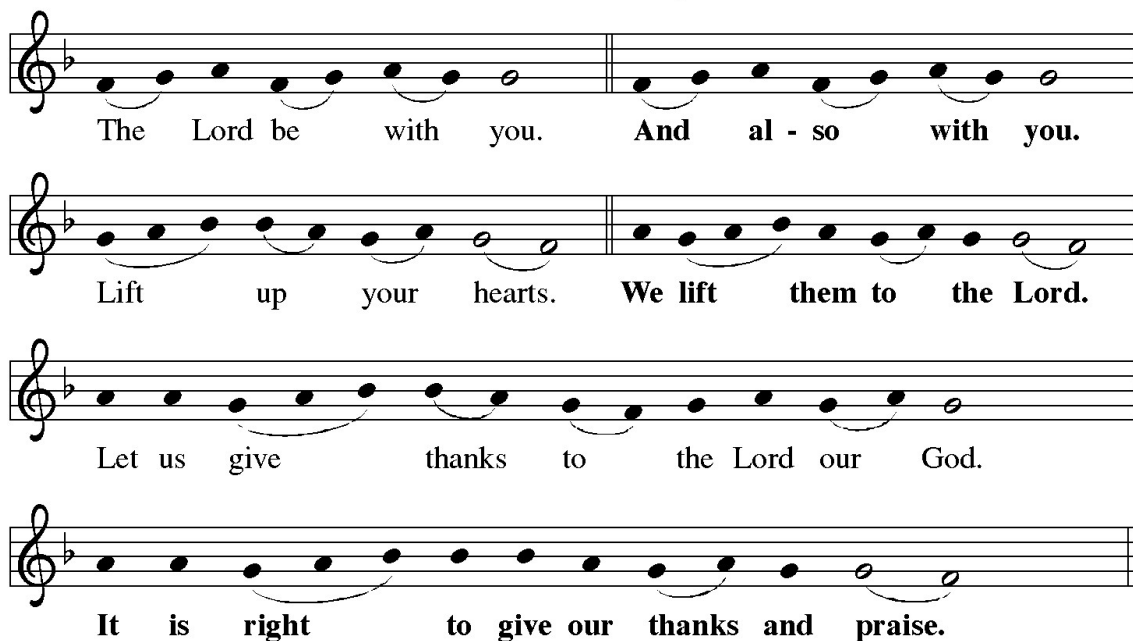
Offertory Hymn

Let Our Gladness Have No End ~ ELW 291 (vs. 1,4)

Offering Prayer

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen

Holy Communion



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

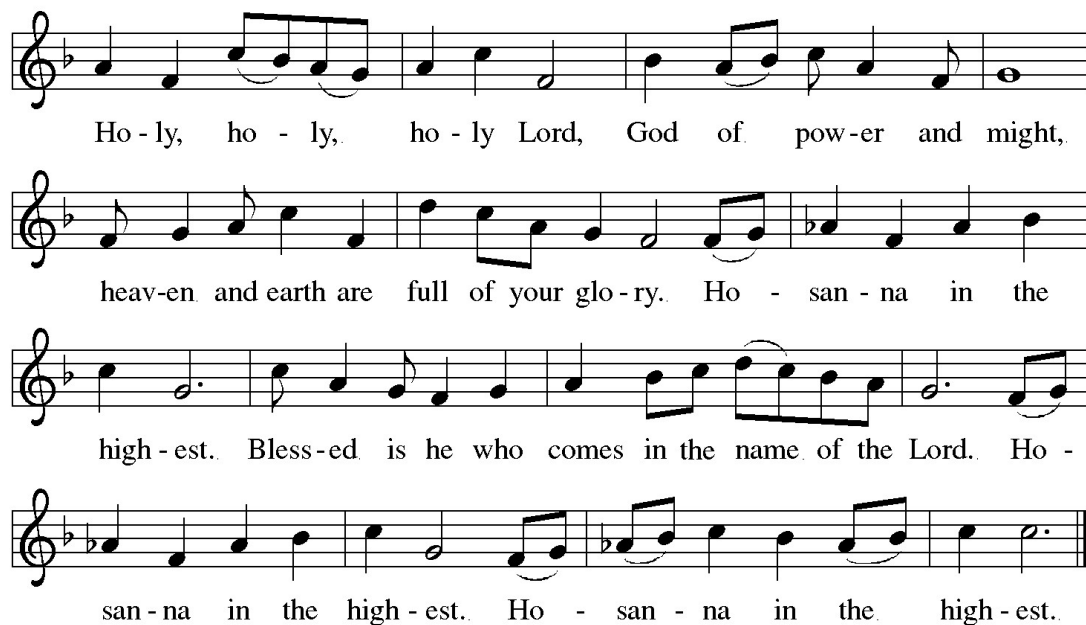
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

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With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
 full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, O God
 now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Remember us in your love, O Lord, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Love Has Come ~ ELW 292

Away in a Manger ~ ELW 278

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ~ ELW 271

The Gospel of the Incarnation _John 1:1-14

The minister lights a large candle from the center of the wreath, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.



Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Blessing

The triune God – glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter –
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

The candles are extinguished.

Sending Hymn *Joy to the World ~ ELW 267*

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Dear Friends,

**I am so glad you chose to worship with us at All Saints tonight.
May the coming days be blessed and bright for you and your
loved ones.**



**You are welcome to worship with us every Sunday at 10:00
a.m. We do worship in person and on Zoom each week.**

**If you would like to find out more about All Saints or would like to get together to talk
about your spiritual journey, please call me at 505-898-3932**

**Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin Schultz**



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